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Shunpei YAMAZAKI et al.

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Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.97, as revised on February 4, 1992, 1135 OG 23-24, Applicant hereby call the Examiner's attention to documents listed on the attached form, which documents may be material to the examination of this application. A copy of each of the documents is enclosed herewith for the Examiner's consideration.

Other applications related to the present invention include:

US Patent Application No. 09/528,113 (pending)

US Patent Application No. 09/533,040 (issue fee)

US Patent Application No. 09/559,185 (pending)

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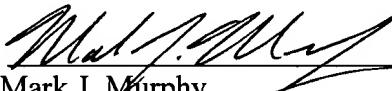
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